

HOUSE BILL 7016

By Crider

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2,
Chapter 10, Part 3, relative to campaign spending
limits.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 10, Part 3, is amended by
adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

2-10-3__.

(a) The following campaign expenditure limitations shall apply to all candidates
starting with the 2008 election cycle, whether such candidate is financing such
candidate's campaign from contributions, or from the candidate's own resources or that
of the candidate's immediate family:

(1) A candidate for state senator shall limit campaign expenditures to no
more than one hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$180,000) in any two-year
election cycle; and

(2) A candidate for state representative shall limit campaign expenditures
to no more than sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000).

(b)

(1) A related campaign expenditure made on a candidate's behalf shall
be considered an expenditure by the candidate on whose behalf it was made.
However, if the expenditure did not exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00), the expenditure
shall not be considered an expenditure by the candidate on whose behalf it was
made.

(2) For the purposes of this section, a "related campaign expenditure made on the candidate's behalf" means any expenditure intended to promote the election of a specific candidate or group of candidates, or the defeat of an opposing candidate or group of candidates, if intentionally facilitated by, solicited by, or approved by the candidate or the candidate's political campaign committee.

(c) For purposes of this section, the term "candidate" includes the candidate's political campaign committee.

(d) The registry of election finance shall adopt rules necessary to administer the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.